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TWO CENTS.

BANDITS KILLED TWO ENGLISHMEN

Thirty-six Carranza Soldiers
Also Slain by Villistas
Near Tuxpam

REFUGEES ENTERED. BRITISHERS' HOUSE

They Were Discovered and Put to
Death and the Englishmen Paid the
Death Penalty for Having Given
Them Shelter.

GALVESTON, Texas, Sept. 22.—Two British subjects were taken from their homes and shot and 36 of a party of 38 Carranza soldiers, were killed in a raid Sept. 16 on an oil camp near Tuxpam by bandits calling themselves Villistas, according to a report brought here today.

The Carranzistas put up a hard fight, it was said, but were outnumbered. Two of their officers took refuge in the house of Englishmen. They were discovered and put to death and the Englishmen were killed for having given them shelter.

BULGARIAN SUFFERERS.

Beaten by French and Serbians Along
the Macedonian Front.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—French and Serbian troops, operating along the western end of the Macedonian front, have scored new successes against the Bulgarians, the war office announced today.

Serbian troops have reached Urban, where 100 prisoners were taken. North of Florina a Bulgarian attack was broken up by the fire of the French infantry. As a result of heavy engagements the entente forces were able to make progress on the heights commanding the road from Florina to Popli.

COMMISSIONERS LOAFING.

Mexican-American Officials Have Finished
Work for Week.

NEW LONDON, Sept. 22.—The Mexican-American joint commission today virtually concluded its work for this week. A majority of the commissioners will be out of town tomorrow and it is expected sessions will not be resumed until Monday.



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GERMAN INFANTRY ADVANCED IN WAVES

But Attacks Were Broken by French in
the Positions Recently Captured
North of Somme.

PARIS, Sept. 22.—German infantry, advancing in waves, made renewed efforts this morning to beat back the French from positions recently captured north of the Somme. The official announcement of today says the attacks were broken by French artillery before the Germans reached the French lines, compelling them to retire to their own trenches with heavy loss. The attacks of the Germans, made in strong force, were centered on the French positions between LePrieux farm and Ran-court.

NO SECOND VILLA ATTACK.

Carranzistas Still Hold Chihuahua
City—Other Attacks on Same Day.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, Sept. 22.—Revolutionary attacks were made on Guadalupe, Tampico and Vera Cruz on Sept. 16, simultaneously with Villa's Hidalgo attack upon this city, according to reports received here by General Trevino.

General Trevino's revised list of the casualties here: The government losses in killed and wounded, 53; the Villa casualties between 200 and 250, including 94 prisoners taken and executed.

The bandits are reported to be reorganizing in the Sierra de la Silla, with about 150 wounded, who have neither medical attention nor medical supplies.

Government patrols are operating everywhere within a radius of 19 miles of the city. While it is not generally believed that Villa will soon make another attack, orders have been issued to take every precaution.

Statements were issued at commandancia denying border reports that Villa had made a second attack upon the town Tuesday, and that there had been defections in the garrison. It was said the government forces captured from the bandits a quantity of high powered rifles and cartridges, which apparently had been manufactured in the United States.

BRITISH MADE BIG GAINS.

Captured Two Miles of Hostile Trenches
in Somme Sector.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—The British advanced on a front of about a mile last night in the Somme sector. The war office announced today that two miles of hostile trenches had been captured.

"During the night we advanced on a front of about a mile, capturing hostile trenches," the statement says, between Piers and Martinpuich. The enemy's trenches were successfully entered south of Arras, prisoners being taken and many casualties inflicted."

GAINED THE SUMMIT.

Semtrec, After Several Changes, Is
Held by the Russians.

BERLIN, Sept. 22.—Desperate fighting is going on between the Austro-Germans and Russians in the Carpathian mountains. The summit of Semtrec, which has changed hands several times, has again been captured from the Germans by the Russians, says today's German official statement. Further Russian attacks at Badaludowa were repulsed.

ELEVEN DEATHS TODAY.

Increase of Five in Infantile Paralysis
Fatalities in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Twenty new cases of infantile paralysis were reported by the health authorities today. The deaths numbered 11, an increase of five.

First Baptist Church

Tonight at 7:30—Prayer meeting at
the church, Read Mark IX.

Sunday Services.

10:30 a. m.—Morning worship, Sermon subject, Buying Friends.
11:45 a. m.—Bible school. Classes for all ages.

7:00 p. m.—Meeting of chorus choir.
7:15 p. m.—Organ recital by Mr. F. M. Cram.

7:30 p. m.—Evening worship, Sermon subject, The Friendship of David and Jonathan. Dugan's orchestra, chorus choir, Alexander hymns. Welcome to all.

Centre Congregational Church

The midweek meeting of the church this evening, Subject, A Survey of Our Church Field. Luke 14:15-35.

FACE MENACE OF GENERAL STRIKE

Branches of City Govern-
ment Prepare for Out-
breaks of Violence

MAYOR MITCHEL IS PREPARED TO ACT

Willing to Use All the Civil and Military
Power at His Command to Suppress
Disorder — Union Leaders to
Meet Today.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Repeated threats of a great general strike to help the striking street car employees caused all branches of the city government concerned in enforcing the laws to prepare today for outbreaks of mob violence. Mayor Mitchell's notice that he stood ready to invoke all the civil and military power at his command and to suppress disorder was followed by greater police activity and a warning that persons convicted of engaging in strike riots would receive heavy punishment.

The police department told the traction companies that they could re-establish night service as soon as they were ready under adequate protection.

Thus far 6,700 policemen have been disposed at strategic points. This included a patrol of 50 automobiles and 100 motorcyclists along the most exposed routes.

Trade union leaders representing 700,000 workers will meet this afternoon to decide whether to issue a general strike call and declare that organized wage earners should not ride in cars manned by strike breakers.

Cross town surface lines where cars run last night were not molested.

Bombardments of elevated trains continued this morning. Strike sympathizers, lurking on roof tops, throwing bricks and bottles which shattered car windows. Several passengers were injured in 16 attacks reported by the police.

TEETH TRADED FOR MIND.

Woman's Mental Faculties Restored
by Dental Operation.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—Cured through the extraction of all her teeth, Mrs. Lloyd Warfield of Spencertown, N. Y., is likely to become of considerable interest to medical men and alienists.

Early last February she showed evidences of mental depression. Her condition rapidly grew worse and soon she was unable to attend to her household duties or care for her children, a girl of 9 and a boy of 2 years.

She failed to improve in a Troy sanitarium, and her husband was considering sending her to the state hospital at Poughkeepsie, when the family physician suggested that as a last resort all her teeth be drawn.

When the teeth were extracted it was discovered that several molars had ulcers at the roots. No sooner had Mrs. Warfield stepped from the dentist's chair than her full mental faculties returned. Her children, who had been sent to a relative at Martindale, N. Y., returned yesterday and a joyous family reunion followed.

TWENTY CASES IN STATE.

Elmore Child Among Those Reported
Ill With Infantile Paralysis.

(Special to The Reformer.)
BURLINGTON, Sept. 22.—The number of infantile paralysis cases reported to the state board of health up to today is 20, from which there have been four deaths. Rudolph Smith, 5, of Elmore and Mrs. Henry Bartlett of Underhill are among the latest victims of the disease.

NO VITAL CHANGE.

But Fighting Continues on All the
Bulgarian Fronts.

SOPIA, Sept. 22, via London.—Only minor fighting on all the Bulgarian fronts with no change in the general situation is reported in an official statement issued by the war office today.

THE WEATHER.

Overcast with Probable Showers To-
night and Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The weather forecast: Overcast with probable showers tonight and Saturday. Moderate south winds.

ATTACK BY WARSHIPS.

British Vessels Bombarding Bulgarian
Positions on the Struma.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—British warships have been bombarding Bulgarian positions on the east bank of the Struma near its mouth northeast of Saloniki, the war office announced today. On the left of the British position on the Macedonian front an artillery duel of increasing intensity is in progress.

RUMOR TOO WILD TO BE CHASED DOWN

Motorist Said He Found Overturned
Car and Five Decomposed Bodies
on Road to Greenfield.

Newspapermen are accustomed to chasing wild stories of accidents, violence and deaths, but one came over the wire last night that local newspapermen refrained from extending themselves about.

Chief George Wilson received last evening a telephone message from Chief Manning of the Greenfield police asking news of an automobile accident in which five persons had been killed on the road between Brattleboro and Greenfield.

Chief Manning reported that a story was being told in Greenfield, credited to an automobilist, that the automobilist had experienced a blowout while driving from Brattleboro to Greenfield. As he stopped his car at the side of the road to make repairs he chanced to look over a steep bank, he said, and saw an overturned car. He went down to it and was horrified to find five decomposed bodies under it.

That word decomposed saved a long hunt by officials, for all agreed that it was not within the bounds of probability for such a condition to exist on or near a road so much traveled as the main highway between Brattleboro and Greenfield.

SPANKED "BOY" OF 60 MISSING.

100-Year-Old Father Now Seeks Son
He Punished.

ELIZABETH, N. J., Sept. 22.—William Macormack of 46 Jefferson avenue asked the police last night to assist him in finding his gray haired son, William, jr., 60 years old, who disappeared a few days ago following a spanking administered by the centenarian.

"If you find my boy," the aged father told Chief of Police Michael Mulcahy, "tell him to return and I will be less severe with him in the future. He has never been away from home all night until now. A few days ago he told neighbors the shame of being punished by his 100-year-old father was more than he could live down. I want him here with me, but I shall still insist that he obey me the same as he did fifty years ago."

Last Friday the father, who conducts a boarding house, asked Judge Owen P. Mahon to "approve officially" of the spanking. Judge Mahon sentenced the "boy" to four days in the Union county jail for disorderly conduct. When William, jr., was released he immediately disappeared.

COMEDIAN AN ELOPER.

Harold Swafford and White River
Junction Girl Married.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Sept. 22.—Miss Gertrude Davis, whose father is connected with the operating department of the Boston & Maine railroad, was married several days ago to Harold A. Swafford, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Swafford in Burlington without the knowledge of the parents of either of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Swafford are the owners and managers of a theatrical organization known as the Swafford Players, at present playing stock season at Concord, N. H. Young Swafford, who is the comedian of the company, spends his winters at this village where he became acquainted with his bride. It appears the young couple made a hurried trip to Burlington and were married and then wired to their parents for "forgiveness." The young Mrs. Swafford is a charming girl, 18 years of age, who it is understood has aspirations to become an actress. Both bride and groom are at present with the company at Concord where the youthful comedian has again taken up his work.

WIFE LEAVES; HE TAKES POISON.

Frank M. Morse of St. Albans, Con-
ductor, in Hospital.

ST. ALBANS, Sept. 22.—Frank M. Morse, a Central Vermont railway conductor, was taken to the hospital late yesterday afternoon in a serious condition from poison, self-inflicted. It is said his wife left him recently and since that time H. C. Levan and family had lived with him.

Mrs. Levan found his after he had taken the poison, the nature of which could not be learned last night. At the hospital the only information that could be secured was that he was a little more comfortable.

Mrs. Morse had applied for a divorce and the case was set for trial at the present term of the Franklin county court.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

To announce Otelah Duquette,
teacher of Modern Dancing. This
Friday evening, Knights of Colum-
bus hall.

WAR DEPARTMENT VERY SKEPTICAL

Does Not Believe the Story
of Villa's Raid on Chi-
huahua City

GEN. FUNSTON GIVES IT FULL CREDENCE

Gen. Bell Reported That the Bandit
Chief Took Away the Carranza Gar-
rison and Immense Supplies and Lib-
erated Men in Prison.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—Secretary Baker let it be known today that the war department was not disposed to accept as accurate the reports of Villa's raid on Chihuahua City last evening, transmitted by Brig. Gen. Bell yesterday on the strength of information that had reached him in El Paso.

"We have no military information as to renewed Villa activities," Mr. Baker said, indicating that it was assumed that Gen. Bell's account was based upon rumor and not obtained through army channels in Mexico. He declined to discuss in any way what effect the reappearance of Villa, if confirmed, might have on the movements of American troops. So far as is known the war department has made no effort to learn from Gen. Bell the sources of his information.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 22.—Gen. Funston said today that he places full credence in the report of Villa's attack on Chihuahua City, sent the war department by Brig. Gen. Bell and given out for publication yesterday. He said he had been informed that Gen. Bell's information was gained from reliable sources who had come to El Paso directly from Chihuahua City after the battle.

Gen. Bell stated that Villa captured some of Carranza's artillery and 16 automobile loads of arms and ammunition; liberated 200 prisoners from the penitentiary and made off, after being joined by from 1,000 to 1,500 soldiers of the Carranza garrison.

The report reveals the fact that on Sept. 14 Villa sent a letter to Gen. Trevino, commander at Chihuahua, saying he would be in the city at 3 p. m. Saturday to "shake hands."

Gen. Bell's report, in part, was as follows: "Evidence increases to show that Villa was completely successful in his attack Saturday upon Chihuahua and accomplished all and more than he said he would do. There is diversity of opinion and statements as to the number of men with which he entered Chihuahua. Some reports state he only had about 500, while others give him 1,700, but all agree that he was able to secure possession of the penitentiary, the governor's palace and the federal buildings and hold them for several hours and all this with a Carranza garrison at Chihuahua which some place at not less than 6,000. He liberated over 200 prisoners, secured and carried away more than 16 automobile loads of arms and ammunition under an escort of deserting Carranza troops. He left Chihuahua with from 1,000 to 1,500 more men than he entered with."

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—In a telegram today to Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul general in New York, Gen. Trevino, after reiterating his statement that his forces defeated the Villa invaders at Chihuahua, says: "This foolish shedding of blood was with the intention of creating difficulties for the joint commission at New London and was brought about by American and Mexican political interests. They themselves are now satisfied that they have failed."

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, Sept. 22.—Commenting upon the reports in American newspapers attributed to Gen. Bell at El Paso on the Villa raid on this city last Saturday, Gen. Trevino today made a statement to the Associated Press in which he described it "as a tissue of lies and falsehoods."

GREENFIELD FAIR.

Cattle Department to Be Feature of
Exhibition Next Week.

The New England cattle show has a charm all its own and of few shows can this be more truly said than of the Franklin county fair at Greenfield, which comes this year on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 26 and 27. Few sections of the country produce finer cattle than the Franklin hills, and nowhere may they be seen to better advantage than at a Greenfield fair. The big Durhams of Shelburne vie with the Jerseys of Montague, Charlemont and Leyden, the Holsteins of Colrain and Mount Hermon and the Guernseys of numerous towns. The great beef producing breed, Aberdeen Angus, is also shown there.

RUMANIANS DRIVEN BACK.

Driven Back in Disorder by Bulgarians
and Germans.

BERLIN, Sept. 22.—The Bulgarian and German troops under Field Marshal Von Mackensen have driven back the Rumanians in Dobrudja in disorder, the war office announced today. The victory was gained by means of an encircling counter attack.

VERMONT TROOPS LEAVE EAGLE PASS

Not Known Here Whether Route Will
Be Through Brattleboro—Com-
pany C Mustered Out Today.

The First Vermont regiment left Eagle Pass, Texas, for home yesterday. The regiment has been stationed at Eagle Pass since being sent to the border. While the Vermont troops made the journey to the Texas border in day coaches they are to make the homeward journey in tourist sleeping cars.

The route they are taking on their homeward way is not definitely known here, but Company C, which reached Fort Ethan Allen Monday morning, did not return through Brattleboro and it may prove that the rest of the regiment will return by some other route than the one which would carry them through this town.

The members of Company C were discharged from the service this morning and will scatter to their homes for brief visits before the opening of the University of Vermont next Wednesday.

HORSE'S KICK BROKE LEG.

Sidney Rich of Wilmington Brought to
Memorial Hospital.

Sidney Rich, 74, of Wilmington is in the Memorial hospital suffering from a broken leg as the result of a horse's kick and is in a serious condition. Mr. Rich went out into the pasture early Wednesday morning to catch the horse and had secured it when it whirled and kicked him, breaking both bones of the femur, the broken bones protruding through the flesh. Mr. Rich's groans and cries for assistance were heard by P. Z. Whitney, who, with Floyd Davis, went to the injured man's assistance. With the aid of S. L. Bond and W. W. Follett they loaded him on to a cot and carried him out of the pasture. Dr. A. H. Wright was called and after administering ether set the bones temporarily, taking Mr. Rich to Brattleboro. He was suffering so badly from the shock and exposure that further treatment had to be postponed.

CHASING THE VILLISTAS.

Carranza Troops in Pursuit of Bandit
Leader Whose Followers are Discouraged.

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Sept. 22.—Carranza troops are pursuing southward the Villistas who attacked this city last Sunday, according to official announcement today. Villa's forces were discouraged over their failure to obtain loot promised by Villa.

The reports say Villa has lost prestige because of the failure of the attack. Prisoners taken by Villa who have returned say that his plan was to surround the palace during the Independence Day celebration. Kill Gen. Trevino, the commandant, and disorganize the garrison.

BRATTLEBORO LOCAL.

Fort Dummer chapter, Royal Arch Ma-
sons, will confer the M.M.M. degree to-
night.

The Ladies' Circle of the Universalist church will hold a rummage sale Oct. 6 and 7.

The social held yesterday in the home of Mrs. John Morse on South Main street by the Class No. 19 of the Baptist Bible school was well attended, 21 being present, including the hostess. It was a very pleasant gathering.

Edward Moran was elected captain of the Brattleboro high school football team this morning. Abbott R. Richmond, who was elected captain last spring, did not return to school this fall. Moran is a line man, but will be pulled back to the backfield in order to have more weight and an experienced man there.

Howard Olds, general manager of the Twin State Gas & Electric Co., who was in Brattleboro last night and today, expects to return here in a short time for a stay of two weeks, during which he will familiarize himself with every feature of the local business in an effort to improve general conditions, especially that of the trolley service.

Evelyn Cleaveland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cleaveland, was given a surprise Tuesday in their summer home in Guilford by eight of her friends, the occasion being her 14th birthday anniversary. She received some pretty gifts from her guests. The afternoon was spent pleasantly with games, after which a supper was served by Mrs. Cleaveland.

JAMAICA.

Dr. Thomas left Tuesday to carry his
wife to New York to visit relatives a few
days.

Rev. H. Hartwell left Monday morning for Boston. He will go from there to his home in Wisconsin.

Henry Pierce and family leave this week for Belchertown, Mass., where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Moore are visiting at E. O. Wetters and called on old acquaintances. They moved away from Jamaica 24 years old.

The Benefit association met with Mrs. C. L. Sargent Tuesday and selected the following officers: President, Mrs. Minnie Butler; vice president, Mrs. C. L. Sargent; secretary, Miss Mary Robinson; treasurer, Miss Lela Kingsbury; work committee, Mrs. Cora Gleason, Lela Kingsbury and Fannie Ballard; committee on finance, Mrs. George Gardner, Mrs. Albert Lackey and Mrs. Henry Hamilton.

No girl can successfully masticate fudge and nurse a case of disappointed love at the same time.

BUSBY AWARDED \$1,250 DAMAGES

Jury Finds for Plaintiff in
Suit Against Deerfield
Lumber Co.

JUDGE MAY DECIDE AGAINST W. I. BROWN

Intimates He Will Hold Power Company
Cannot Be Compelled to Pay for Use
of Road for Longer Time Than it Was
Used.

The jury in the Windham county court that heard the case of Edgar D. Busby of Wilmington against the Deerfield Lumber Co. of that town returned a verdict of \$1,250 late yesterday afternoon.

He claimed that he was ordered to remove some wooden blocks from a steam chest and that, through the carelessness of the corporation, he was struck by another block delivered into the steam chest and one leg was broken. He alleged that he had not fully recovered from the injury and never would. The corporation claimed that Busby had no business to be where he was at the time of the accident.

H. G. & F. E. Barber appeared for the plaintiff and C. C. Fitts and H. E. Ludy for the defendant corporation.

The jury returned a verdict at 5 o'clock yesterday of \$1,250 for the plaintiff.

A jury was drawn yesterday afternoon in the action of contract of Wilson I. Brown against the Connecticut River Power Co. This suit arose over a contract made by Harold E. Whitney, clerk of the power company, with the plaintiff for the use of a certain road. The contract was for the year 1916. The company used the road for about a week and tendered payment for that time, which was declined, and suit was brought to recover for the use of the road for the entire year. This case will be completed today, it is expected. H. G. & F. E. Barber appear for the plaintiff and C. C. Fitts for the defendant company.

The plaintiff rested at the close of the morning session today and the defense put in its evidence at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Judge Slack sustained a demurrer of the plaintiff in this case against the petition of the defendant company to have the case transferred to the chancery court with costs taxed against the company.

Judge Slack intimated this morning that he should rule that the company was not bound to the contract for a longer period of time than it made use of the road.

The case of Henry R. Brown, appellant, against J. M. Ballou, a suit arising over alleged deceit in the sale of cattle, was called as the next case. Chase & Chase are for the plaintiff and O. B. Hughes for the defendant.

BURLINGTON MAN CHOSEN.

H. M. Ross Becomes Active Member of
Masonic Council.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 22.—The 104th annual meeting of the Supreme Council, 32d degree, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, northern jurisdiction, closed here late yesterday. It was decided to postpone final action on the plan to establish a foundation for Masonic benevolences and charities until next year.

Henry M. Ross of Burlington, Vt., an honorary member, was named as an active member of the council.



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Reopening of Schools

The graded schools of the incorporated district will re-open Monday, Sept. 25. Office hours will be held in the supervisor's office in the Main street building Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 4.30 p. m. All new pupils should register at this time.

FLORENCE M. WELLMAN,
Supervisor.

THIS IS Touring Time

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